tha operation. The procedure is said to be free of some of the difficulties of cardiac transplantation in that one does not need a donor supply and the procedure is free of foreign organs and hence there is no rejection and no need for immunos uppressive drugs". This type of surgery is not entirely new and it is known as Dynamic Cardiomy-plasty. This techniques improves the functional class of the heart by 10 per cent to 20 per cent but does not .prcvide full recovery. It is understood that this surgery is being (performed at Escort Heart Institute and Research. Centre, New Delhi.

Doctors *in* Tarions Hositals

8175. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AEZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of doctors in the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital, Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital, Gwu Tegh Bahadur Hospital, Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital and Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi during the years *1993-94* and 1994-95,-hospital-wise;

(b) what was the number of patienw who visited these Hospitals during the said period, hospital-wise; and

(c.) what was the number of beds for the patients in these hospitals during the said period, hospital wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The infomaation in respect of Central Government Hospitals i.e. Smt-Sucheta Kriplani Hospital, Dr, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital is attached at Annexure. The information in respect of Lok Nayak Jaipraksh Narain Hospital, Guru Teg Bahadur Hospita| and Govlind Ballabh pant Hospital is being collected and will be laid on the table of Sabha.

High Levels of Nickel content fn Choco-

8176. SHRI SUSHUJCUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether various popular brands of chocblates in India normally meant for consumption by children were found containing high levels, ot nickel content;

(b) if,so, what is the test assessment of different conteats in, differebt brands of chocolates like Cadbury and Amul; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken fo bring this product within permissible limits of nickel con tent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) As per the studies, carried out by the Expert Panel on 'Nickel contents in Indian Chocolates', the values of Nickel content in Indian chocolates are quite comparable to international reported values.

Supply of Inferior Quality of Surgical Gloves

8177. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to slate:

(a) whether surgical gloves supplied to Government hospitals by Government un'derlakings are reported to be of inferior quality;

(b) whether in view of the cracks noticed in these, gloves the surgeons are frustrated to use the gloves;

(c) whether HIV or AIDS patients are being neglected on this account; and

(d) if so, the remrtial steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) L.H.M.C. and Associated

Hospitals have reported that surgical gloves received from the Government Undertakings have been rejected by the Inspection Committee. No such report has been received from other Central Government hospitals.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Heart Disease due to Throat Infection

8178. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a recent report sixty per cent of the Indian School Children Garry throat in fection which can develop into fatal or parmanently crippling heart disease;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) No, Sir, According to tha Indian Council of Medical Research, all carriers of Group A Beta Haemolytic St-rentococcal (GABHS) do not develop Pheumatic fever on Rheumatic Heart Disease. Only 0.3 per cent of untreated streptococcal throat infections are rep-orted to develop acute rbeumaticl fever.

(c) Streptococcal sore throat can be easily treated with Penicillin. Indian Counci of Medical Research convened a Transfer of Tedhnoogy Piroeraaune for control of RF/RHD in March 1994 in which representatives of Medical Colleges from 18 States/Union Territores were apprised of the benefits of the control programme. Training manuals were circulated among the participants for transfer of the knowledge to their laedi-cal colleges and to develop and implement control mfeasuriss at the PHC, district level in collaboration with the State Health Officers.

NGOs and Foreign Agencies Involved in Family Plaoiuing Pogrammes

8179. SHRI BHAGWAN MAJHI: Win the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the non-Government organisationi Foreign Agencies inviolvted in variouli family planning programmes in different States;

(b) the details of these organisations and agencies working in that line in the scheduled areas of Qrissa.

(c) the specific steps takeii by those agencies/organisations in family pianning programmes during the" last five years; and

(d) the grants received by them from the Central Govemmet as well as from the foreign countries during these years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Over 831 Non-Governmental Organisations are at present working in the field of family welfare in different States of the Country with financial assistance from the. Government of India, which included assistance received from the foreigh funding agencies, viz., USAID, UNFPA and World Bank.

(b) 56 Kon-Government Organisa-tibns are working for family Welfare programme in the . State of Orissa, at present.

(c) and (d): The NGOs-are imple *menting* speciflo scheimea preparted by the Government of India to promote Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning in weak areas. Financial assis tance to them i» provided through the